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1. SUMMARY. FAKLEY (UK) SET OUT VIEWS ON OBJECTIVES OF ON-SITE INSPECTION (OSI) AT SUBGROUP MEETING. HECKROTTE (US) SUPPORTED UK VIEWS AND ASKED FOR SOVIET REACTION. BEZUMOV (USSR) REFUSED TO DEAL WITH SPECIFICS, INSISTING US DEL HAD NOT SATISFACTORILY ANSWERED SOVIET QUESTIONS ON NATURE OF "EVENT" OR FILLED IN BLANKS IN ILLUSTRATIVE LANGUAGE ON RIGHTS AND FUNCTIONS. END SUMMARY.

2. FAKLEY OPENED OSI TECHNICAL SUBGROUP MEETING BY SETTING OUT UK VIEW OF PURPOSE OF OSI. HE SAID BASIC OSI OBJECTIVE WAS TO PROVIDE EVIDENCE TO CLARIFY THE TRUE NATURE OF AN EVENT WHICH, ON THE BASIS OF EXISTING SEISMIC AND/OR NTM EVIDENCE, COULD BE EITHER AN EXPLOSION OR OF NATURAL
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ORIGIN. ACCORDINGLY, FIRST TASK OF OSI WAS TO LOOK FOR EVIDENCE OF ENGINEERING ACTIVITIES, MECHANICAL EFFECTS OF AN EXPLOSION, OR SEISMIC ACTIVITY. NEXT STEP WOULD BE TO LOOK FOR EVIDENCE OF RADIOACTIVITY. US TWO-TIER APPROACH PROVIDED FOR EQUIPMENT IN THE FIRST TIER WHICH WAS REASONABLE AND MODERATE TO ACCOMPLISH THESE GOALS. SECOND TIER PROVIDED FLEXIBILITY TO DEAL WITH EXCEPTIONAL CASES

WHICH MIGHT REQUIRE ADDITIONAL EQUIPMENT.

3. BEZUMOV ASKED FOR US COMMENTS ON OBJECTIVES OF OSI AND SAID US HAD NOT SATISFACTORILY JUSTIFIED TWO-TIER APPROACH OR FILLED IN BLANK SPACES IN ILLUSTRATIVE TEXT (E.G., TIME WITHIN WHICH OSI REQUEST MUST BE ANSWERED, NUMBERS OF DESIGNATED PERSONNEL, DURATION OF VISIT, ETC.). HECKROTTE EXPRESSED AGREEMENT WITH FAKLEY'S VIEWS, REPEATED JUSTIFICATION OF TWO-TIER APPROACH PROVIDED AT EARLIER MEETINGS, PRESSED FOR SOVIET VIEWS ON OBJECTIVES OF OSI, AND REMINDED BEZUMOV OF SOVIET COMMITMENT TO AGREE IN ADVANCE ON THE RIGHTS AND FUNCTIONS OF OBSERVERS. DISCUSSION CONTINUED IN INCONCLUSIVE VEIN, WITH BEZUMOV REFUSING TO DISCUSS SPECIFICS UNTIL NATURE OF "EVENT" WHICH COULD BE BASIS OF OSI WAS SPECIFIED AND US FILLED IN BLANKS IN ILLUSTRATIVE LANGUAGE. MEETING ENDED WITH SUGGESTION BY FAKLEY THAT NEGOTIATING PARTNERS CONSIDER WHAT HAD BEEN SAID AND DECIDE AT A LATER DATE WHEN TO CONVENE OSI SUBGROUP AGAIN. WARNKE

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